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STEAM Corner will return in April.

Contact Us

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"March, when days
are getting long,
Let thy growing
hours be strong to
set right some
wintry wrong."

Caroline
May

VITA Northland Free Tax Assistance



Northland Free Tax Assistance

(928) 221-4977

northlandfreetaxassistance@gmail.com

northlandfreetaxassistance.weebly.com

Due to demand, Northland Free Tax Assistance is only handling a limited number of drop-offs. Visit the website for full instructions. You can also pickup a print out of the tax packet at the Siler or Clark offices. Call ahead to ensure staff can provide it.

- 1) Download (or pick up from CFHA), review, and fill out documents at the website above.

- 2) Email scans/photos of documents from the "What to Bring" list with drop off & intake sheets to the email address above.
- 3) Go to getyourrefund.org and follow steps for uploading scans/photos. If needed, call **221-4977** for a drop-off appointment.

Kindergarten Registration Open

FUSD kindergarten registration is open! You can find information and virtual tours at fusd1.org/kindergarten

COVID-19 Operational Changes *(Continues on page 3)*

CFHA Information

Front Lobbies of all offices are currently closed. We cannot permit anyone in the office who does not have a scheduled appointment but we will schedule appointments where required for residents. Staff are still in the office to serve residents. If you need to speak to your specialist or other staff, please call (see front page for contact details). Rent payments will not be accepted at any of our front desks, but a secure drop box has been installed at each office. **Please make sure your name and address are clear on your rent payments and keep your money order receipts for your records. Housing Authority receipts will be mailed if there is a credit or a balance is due.**

CFHA has been waiving late fees, accepting partial payments, entering into repayment agreements, has not counted late payments toward the three (3) late payment policy, and has not pursued non-payment terminations since April 2020. Please understand that we have not been legally obligated to do this since the CARES Act Moratorium expired on July 27, 2020. The CDC order requires none of this. **Additionally, all of these regulations require the rent to be paid, and all other terms of the lease to be followed. There is no "rent forgiveness."** At an appropriate time, the approved rent collection policy will be reinstated. Please do not allow rent to build up to a point where it will not be possible for it to be paid, which will result in termination of tenancy. If your income has gone down please contact your specialist to discuss a rent adjustment. If you are two or more months behind or if you will have trouble paying any past due amount, please contact your specialist to make an arrangement to repay the past due amount in installments.

Maintenance Work Orders

Please continue to call in all work orders to **213-2731**. It is not necessary to call more than once. **All routine Work Orders are now done by appointment only, so please be sure to include a call back number in your message.** Please also be aware that no work orders will be performed when there are minors who are home with no adult present.

If anyone in your home is ill or has been exposed to COVID-19 please wait to report non-health or safety conditions until everyone is well. When our Maintenance professionals are in your home, **make sure that nobody is in the same room while they are working and windows are open.** If they are unsure

that it is safe to enter the home they may check with Management for their own safety.

We are unable to pick up items from the curb. To keep our developments neat, please place bulky items on the curb the day before the bulky item pickup noted on the calendar. For your own safety please do not disturb items left at the curb nor those in dumpsters.

Change Reporting

Effective January 1, 2021 Flagstaff's minimum wage increased to \$15 per hour. All households in all of our programs are required to report if their income increases by more than \$200 per month. Anyone who was made minimum wage and works more than 24 hours per week has had such an increase. If you make minimum wage, work more than 24 hours per week and have not had rent redetermined in 2021 you should contact your specialist to discuss.

We will be processing rent reductions with an expedited process to insure that rents remain appropriate and affordable. When reporting your change, please provide sufficient information for your specialist to be able to determine your income. We are currently waiving face-to-face appointments, but it is very important that you return all documents with proper signatures to the office. When we have received your signed documents we will sign and return copies to you through the mail.

Clark Homes Neighborhood Network and the SHAC are currently closed and activities suspended.

Annual Recertifications

Annual recertifications will be performed by mail. The Flagstaff Police Department is again running background checks. If you are unable to provide certain verifications (other than income) with your recertification packet please include a note which indicates this. When we receive your packet with sufficient information to determine rent, a Family Worksheet and Lease Addendum will be sent for your signature. Please return the signed paperwork promptly. When received your specialist will sign the paperwork and send you a copy. An office appointment will be required when our lobby has reopened so that you may provide the record check, any missing documentation, and review the results of the recertification.

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Community Service

Please remember that we will be reviewing for Community Service Compliance on all Annual Recertifications completed after June 30, 2021. This will apply to all household members determined non-exempt after April 1, 2020.

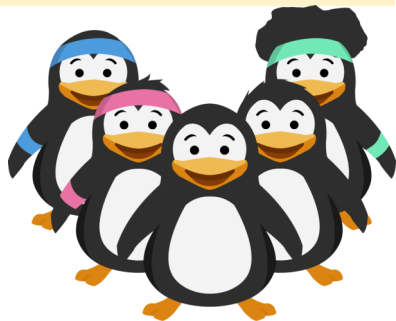
Annual Inspections

To protect the health of our Residents and Staff all Annual Inspections for Public Housing will be conducted in a modified fashion when routine preventative maintenance is being performed on your home. Please be sure to report maintenance needs as usual. Special Inspections may still be done if the need arises. Annual Inspections at Clark Homes are postponed until further notice. Please be aware that HUD intends to begin scheduling REAC Inspections. If one of our developments is scheduled for this the inspection must take place.

Lastly, Clark Homes and Public Housing newsletter will be combined for the time being.

Get Moving: Free Fitness Support

Are you working on a fitness goal or trying to be healthier in 2021? Check out these free resources to help you get moving:



- **Nike Training Club** app filters workouts by category and muscle group so you can find something unique for you every day.
- **7 Minute Workout** is another free app for no-equipment workouts you can tackle in just seven minutes!
- **FitOn** helps you workout with trainers and special guests while focusing on target areas, lengths, and intensity.
- **Yoga With Adriene** is a YouTube channel with years' of sessions for beginners, 30 day challengers, and veterans.

Housing Plan's Stakeholder List

Join Us and Speak Up!

Dear Neighbors,

Affordable, accessible and decent housing is of critical importance to a community's health and viability. On December 1, 2020 City Council declared a Housing Emergency in Flagstaff, prioritizing affordable housing with City operations to create safe, decent and affordable housing opportunities for all community members.

Are you interested in learning more about Flagstaff's affordable housing needs and creating policies to reduce Flagstaff's Housing Emergency? If so, the City of Flagstaff's Housing Section would like to add you to the 2021-2031 Housing Plan's Stakeholders List. By providing your contact information, you will receive emails regarding public participation opportunities and updates specific to the Housing Plan. Your contact information will not be shared with others. The Housing Section encourages active public participation in identifying and commenting when creating Flagstaff's 2021 Housing Plan and would appreciate your input. In order to be added to the stakeholders list, please complete the survey at surveymonkey.com/r/FLGHousingStakeholders.



Want to learn more about the 2021-2031 Housing Plan?

The Housing Plan will consolidate existing housing documents and augment with additional planning efforts to create a 10-year plan. The Plan will define the housing emergency in Flagstaff and will provide policies and strategies to reduce the emergency. The Housing Plan will identify affordable housing needs, revise an existing list of affordable housing, identify affordable housing units underway, engage partners, and compile research on best practices.

Altogether, these components will help identify specific policies as well as educational and advocacy strategies that can be implemented within our community to substantially increase the number of affordable housing units. As the City implements the Flagstaff's 2021 Housing Plan, the goal is to substantially increase the number of available and affordable housing options for all Flagstaff residents at all income levels.

Health Insurance Marketplace Help

The Federal Healthcare Marketplace at healthcare.gov has re-opened for enrollment until May 15th, 2021. Individuals can get access to insurance if they don't qualify for AHCCCS or KidsCare. Families can review and select from a variety of available insurances.

If you have questions, you can reach out to Abby Sanchez of North Country Healthcare at **(928) 522-1104** or vesanchez@nchcaz.org to connect with an Application Counselor. Healthcare.gov sometimes has long wait times for an application counselor, but North Country Healthcare has counselors that can help without any wait time!

Visit northcountryhealthcare.org/get-covered for more information .

COVID-19 Vaccinations

Below is the current (as of publication) COVID-19 Vaccine Phase. Members of the public who are in the first two columns (1a and 1b) are eligible to schedule their COVID-19 vaccination. For more, see:

- **(928) 679-7300** - Coconino County COVID-19 Information Line.
- [Coconino.az.gov/2547/Vaccine-Info](https://coconino.az.gov/2547/Vaccine-Info) - Coconino County COVID-19 Vaccine Information Page.
- [Coconino.az.gov/2580/COVID-19-Vaccination-Locations](https://coconino.az.gov/2580/COVID-19-Vaccination-Locations) - Includes a list of vaccination locations by city. This information is also available on the Information Line listed above.
- [CDC.gov/vaccines/covid-19](https://cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19) - The CDC is a reliable resource for information on COVID-19 and the various related vaccines.

Potential Coconino County COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization

Phase 1

DECEMBER 2020 - SPRING 2021

Phase 2

SPRING 2021-SUMMER 2021

Phase 3

SUMMER 2021-BEYOND

1a

Healthcare Workers and Healthcare Support Occupations

Emergency Medical Services Workers

Long-Term Care Facility Staff and Residents

CURRENT PHASE

1b

Education and Childcare Workers
Priority within 1B

Law Enforcement/Protective Services
Priority within 1B

Adults 65 and Older
Priority within 1B

Other Essential Workers**

Adults with High-Risk Conditions in Congregate Settings

1c

Adults of Any Age with High-Risk Medical Conditions

Adults Living in Congregate Settings

Any Remaining Phase 1 Populations

Additional High-Risk/Critical Populations

General Population

Any Remaining Phase 1 or 2 Populations

General Population



coconino.az.gov/covid19vaccine

*Distribution groups and timelines of phases shown are tentative. This information is subject to change due to future vaccine distribution guidance recommendations, FDA approval of vaccines, and vaccine allocation/availability.

**Power and utility workers; food and agriculture-related occupations; transportation and moving material occupations; state and local government workers providing critical services; other essential workers.

Food & Utility Resources

Family Food Center Services:

Home Deliveries

Call (928) 526-2211 to sign up for a delivery

Emergency Food Boxes

3805 E Huntington, Tues-Sat, 9am-1pm

To-Go Style Dinner

1903 N 2nd St, Daily from 4:00pm-5:30pm

Backdoor Lunch Program: Ring Bell for Lunch

1903 N 2nd St., Daily from 10am-2pm

Book Distribution & Kids' Raffle

Tues-Fri, 4:00-5:30pm at 1903 N 2nd St.

Flagstaff Unified Schools

Free Grab & Go Meals - Mon-

Fri, 11:00am-12:30pm, see

fusd1.org/grabandgo for

locations

The Pantry by Golden Rule at 2573 E 7th Ave

Personalized food boxes for pickup W-Sun, 3pm-6pm

The Salvation Army Food Pantry

507 N. Humphreys St., 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm, M-Th
Emergency food box application required with ID. Call (928) 774-1403 for more information.

Meals on Wheels (Area Agency on Aging)

If someone in your household is 60 years of age or older, call (877) 521-3500 to arrange for assistance.

Call 2-1-1 for Additional Assistance

Additional nearby Emergency Food Assistance agencies, call 2-1-1 or see 211arizona.org.

These organizations help with utilities:



Coconino County Community Services, (928) 679-7453, helps with electric, gas, and more.

Salvation Army of Flagstaff, (928) 774-1403, provides additional utility assistance.

St Vincent de Paul Help Line,

(928) 774-6511, call back rather than use voicemail.

Unisource Payment Assistance offers payment extensions and flexible payment plans, call (877) 837-4968 or visit uesaz.com/electric-rates/.

APS offers additional services such as Project Share and Safety Net. Call 211 or go to aps.com/assistance.



Recipe: Dump & Bake Spring Pasta

Ingredients

1 cup diced, cooked chicken
1 bundle fresh asparagus
1 can quartered artichokes
1/2 cup carrots
1 & 1/2 cup uncooked penne pasta
1 & 3/4 cup soup broth
1/2 cup green onions
1/4 cup fresh parsley
2 tsp minced garlic
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup peas
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese



Directions

Many of these ingredients can be replaced with frozen, canned, or alternatives. Let us know what you and your family try or share your recipes to housing@flagstaffaz.gov or drop off ideas to 3481 N Fanning Drive!

1. Prepare the vegetables: Break the bottoms off of the asparagus and dice, grate or chop carrots into medallions, chop green onions, chop parsley.
2. Preheat oven to 425 F and spray an 8" square baking dish with cooking spray.
3. In the dish, stir together the chicken (cooked), artichoke, asparagus, carrots, uncooked pasta, broth, half the green onions, half the parsley, garlic, salt, and two spoons of the cheese.
4. Cover dish tightly with foil and bake 35 minutes.
5. Remove from oven, uncover, and stir. Check the pasta, which should be firm, but just finished cooking. If pasta is hard, cover dish and check again in five minutes.
6. Stir in the peas and sprinkle two more spoons of cheese over the top.
7. Remove foil and bake an additional 5-10 minutes, until the pasta is tender.
8. Remove from oven, garnish with remaining green onion and parsley, and serve!

Source: The Seasoned Mom

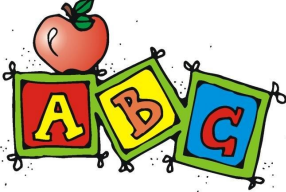
theseasonedmom.com/dump-bake-spring-pasta

Your Story Could be Featured in Next Month's Newsletter!

If you have news of accomplishments, original artwork, poetry, community group news, recipes, or if you just want to see something specific on the next newsletter, we want to hear from you! Drop off a letter at the Siler Homes office or send an email to caleb.alexander@flagstaffaz.gov.

Bulk trash pickup should be placed curbside by 6:00 am on the Monday of your collection week.

March 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Trash Pickup</u> Clark Homes, Crestview, and Cedar	<u>Trash Pickup</u> All Sunnyside Scattered Sites <u>Recycling Pickup</u> Brannen and Verde	<u>Trash Pickup</u> Siler, Brannen, Steves, Alta Vista, Lockett, and Verde	<u>Recycling Pickup</u> Clark Homes, Cedar, and Crestview	<u>Recycling Pickup</u> Siler, Lockett, Alta Vista, Steves, and all Sunnyside Scattered Sites
1 <u>Public Housing Rent Due</u> <u>Clark Homes Rent Due</u>	2 < Bulky Trash Pickup: Clark Homes, Crestview, & Cedar	3	4 	5
8 <u>Public Housing and Clark Homes Late Rent Reminders Mailed</u>	9 < Bulky Trash Pickup: Siler, Greenlaw, & Scattered Sites	10	11	12
15 <u>Last day to turn in Public Housing Recert. Packets for June by 8am</u>	16	17 	18	19
22 <u>Bulky Trash Pickup:</u> Brannen & Verde	23 	24	25 <u>Last day to report changes to insure rent decrease</u>	26
29	30	31 <u>Last day to turn in Clark Homes Recert. Packets</u>	April 1 <u>Public Housing Rent Due</u> <u>Clark Homes Rent Due</u>	April 2 